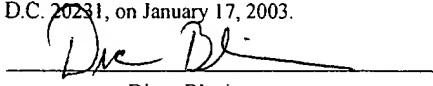


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2002. This extension will extend the time the response is due from October 17, 2002 to January 17, 2003.

- ☒ A three month extension is requested; the extension fee is \$930.00
- ☒ Charge \$930.00 to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket No. 273012011300.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to

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Respectfully submitted,

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